(c) what action Government had taken against such, doctors who had bailed the criminal from going to jail on frivolous grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, two incidents have come to notice where two persons involved in criminal cases were brought to the Hospital for medical examination and were admitted for observation. In one case the person concerned was admitted for observation on complaint of sudden onset of breathlessness. He was discharged within 24 hours. In the other case, the person concerned was brought to the RML Hospital on 15.3.07 at 10.45 P.M. and was admitted for accelerated hypertension, asthama and fever. She was discharged on 16.3.07 at 8.00 P.M. However, in both these cases the treating doctors had admitted these persons for observation as per their medical opinion and not with a view to help them for staying out of jail. Subsequent to these episodes, guidelines have been issued in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital which *inter-alia* provide that in future no patient shall be admitted without prior approval of the judicial authority who had sent the individual for medical examination.

Appointment of specialists

2672. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether doctors with PG qualification who are performing the duties of specialists in Safdarjung and R.M.L. Hospitals are being deputed to work in CGHS dispensaries for general duty in place of the CMOs of the CGHS dispensaries deputed to these Hospitals under short-term re-orientation programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether on account of the above scheme, the treatment schedule of the patients currently undergoing treatment under the specialists in the hospitals would be disrupted;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the scheme would be reversed in the interest of the patients and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The specialists referred to in the question are appointed for providing specialist service to CGHS beneficiaries. When they visit the dispensaries, there also they are servicing CGHS beneficiaries only.

HIV/AIDS Patients

2673. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons responding as HIV/AIDS positive in different States of the country, so far;